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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI ON INTRA-ARAB RIVALRIES AND ARAB-ISRAELI
"PEACE".

1. DURING EXTENDED TALK APRIL 9, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI SAID HE WAS AWARE RECENT EXECUTIONS 22 MILITARY IN TRIPOLI AND COMMENTED THAT THIS LIKELY CAUSE QADHAFI TROUBLE IN ARMY. QADHAFI WAS, HE CLAIMED, ON DEFENSIVE ANYWAY AND LACKED SUPPORT ANY OTHER ARAB STATE, "EVEN IRAQ",. BAGHDAD GOVT. WAS HAVING SOME INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN, NIMEIRI OPINED. SAUDI ARABIA WAS NOW MOST INFLUENTIAL ARAB STATE, AND SHE WAS BACKING EGYPT-SYRIA-SUDAN UNIFIED COMMAND. "WE WANT PEACE" WITH ISRAEL, NIMEIRI SAID WITH EMPHASIS. THIS POSITION ALSO SUPPORTED BY JORDAN. PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS MIGHT CRITICIZE BUT NIMEIRI INDICATED THEY COULD NOT INFLUENCE THIS GATHERING MOMENTUM AMONG THE MODERATE ARAB STATES.

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2. COMMENT: NIMEIRI OF COURSE PLAYS MUCH LESS INFLUENTIAL REGIONAL ROLE THAN HE WOULD HAVE OTHERS BELIEVE BUT HE DOES VIEW MOST ISSUES WITH CONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMON SENSE. ON BALANCE, SUDAN GOVT THUS CLEARLY HELPFUL IN UNDERPINNING MODERATE ARAB POSITION.

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